

Yokosuka and Toba, when the first-named vessel, which is now undergoing repairs at the Onohama Naval Shipbuilding Yard, is completed.

For some time past foxes have been frequently seen on the Settlement at Higo, during the night, sometimes in couples, but more generally in a regular pack. Probably they have been driven down from their usual haunts in search of food by the snow and ice, but be that as it may, their presence should be taken as warning by owners of henrosts.

We mentioned some time ago that when the Treaty Revision Conference are resumed each Power will be treated with separately. We understand the United States have already signified their approval of this method of conducting the negotiations, and no difficulty is to be apprehended from England, Russia, and Italy.

It is stated that the annual salaries of the President and Vice-President of the Upper and Lower House in the National Assembly will be yen 4,000 and yen 2,500 respectively, while members will receive yen 800 annually. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of both Houses will be appointed by H. M. the Emperor from among those nominated by the members.

A rumour is gaining currency that the Government railways will be sold, the price being 50,000,000 yen. Of the sum to be thus acquired by the Government 30,000,000 yen will be added to the investments of the Imperial Household and a sum of 10,000,000 yen be repaid to the 15th National Bank, in order to liquidate the debt incurred at the time of the Satsuma rebellion. The remaining 10,000,000 yen will be devoted to various worthy objects. It is said that Mr. Iwasaki is strenuously opposed by the Nippon Railway Company.

Mr. Hatahita, chief editor, and Messrs. Hirota, Nakajima, Tamura, and Katani, editors of the *Shin Nippo*, published in San Francisco, were sentenced on the 29th instant in the Tokyo Court for minor crimes to five months' major and fifteen months' minor confinement each, with a fine of yen 177, for contempt of court, and also for having published Government confidential documents. Mr. Ishiaka of the same journal was sentenced to three months' major and thirteen months' minor confinement, with a fine of yen 145 for a similar offence.

HOW PILLS ARE MADE.

The custom of taking medicine in the form of pills dates far back in history. The object is to enable us to swallow easily in a condensed form disagreeable and nauseous, but very useful, drugs. To what vast dimensions pill-taking has grown may be imagined when we say that in England alone about 2,000,000,000 (two thousand million) pills are consumed every year. In early days pills were made slowly by hand, as the demand was comparatively small. To-day they are produced with infinitely greater rapidity by machines especially contrived for the purpose, and with greater accuracy, too, in the proportions of the various ingredients employed.

No form of medication can be better than a pill, provided only it is intelligently prepared. But right here occurs the difficulty. Easy as it may seem to make a pill, or a million of them, there are really very few pills that can be honestly commended for popular use. Most of them either underdose or overdose the mark. As everybody takes pills of some kind, it may be well to mention what a good, safe, and reliable pill should be. Now, when one feels dull and sleepy, and has more or less pain in the head, sides, and back, he may be sure his bowels are constipated, and his liver sluggish. To remedy this unhappy state of things there is nothing like a good cathartic pill. It will act like a charm by stimulating the liver into doing its duty, and ridding the digestive organs of the accumulated poisonous matter.

But the good pill does not gripe and pain us, neither does it make us sick and miserable for a few hours or a whole day. It acts on the entire glandular system at the same time, else the after-effects of the pill will be worse than the disease itself. The gripping caused by most pills is the result of irritating drugs which they contain. Such pills are harmful, and should never be used. They sometimes even produce hemorrhoids. Without having any particular desire to praise one pill above another, we may, nevertheless, name Mother Selgel's Pills, manufactured by the well-known house of A. J. White, Limited, 35, Farringdon Road, London, and now sold by all chemists and medicine vendors, as the only one we know of that actually possesses every desirable quality. They remove the pressure upon the brain, correct the liver, and cause the bowels to act with ease and regularity. They never gripe or produce the slightest sickness of the stomach, or any other unpleasant feeling or symptom. Neither do they induce further constipation, as nearly all other pills do. As a further and crowning merit, Mother Selgel's Pills are covered with a tasteless and harmless coating, which causes them to resemble pearls, thus rendering them as pleasant to the palate as they are effective in curing disease. If you have a severe cold and are threatened with a fever, with pains in the head, back, and limbs, one or two doses will break up the cold and prevent the fever. A coated tongue, with a brackish taste in the mouth, is caused by foul matter in the stomach. A dose of Selgel's Pills will effect a speedy cure. Often-times partially decayed food in the stomach, and bowels produce sickness, nausea, &c. Cleanse the bowels with a dose of these pills, and good health will follow.

Unlike many kinds of pills, they do not make you feel worse before you are better. They are, without doubt, the best family physic ever discovered. They remove all obstructions to the natural functions in either sex without any unpleasant effects. *(Adv.)*

To-day's

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

MRS. H. WHARTON shortly returning to England would be glad to take charge of two or three children, to bring up, and educate with her own. Happy, comfortable, and refined home, with excellent educational advantages.

Terms Moderate. Apply care of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [239]

LOST.

SMALL WHITE DOG with a few black spots, and short tail, last seen in Hongkong, on Tuesday evening, answers to the description of ROOIE. A reward will be given if necessary.

A. YOUNG. Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [238]

To-day's

Advertisements.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO."

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [236]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA."

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [237]

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"GUALIOR"

will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 7th March, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [237]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF SYDNEY"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th March, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading, issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$200.00

To San Francisco and return, 350.00

available for 6 months, 350.00

To Liverpool, 350.00

To London, 350.00

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full value of same is required.

Consular invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [236]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WERDER."

Captain E. Etchel, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, by 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [236]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SACHSEN."

Captain K. von Goessel, will leave for the above place on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [236]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SACHSEN."

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M. TO-DAY, the 21st instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 28th February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 6th March, at 4 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 7th March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [236]

To-day's

Advertisements.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely, Hongkong, 21st February, 1889. [240]

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL (VICTORIA COLLEGE).

TERM begins TUESDAY, 26th February.

Applications for ADMISSION must be made on MONDAY, the 25th. Applicants should be accompanied by Parents or Guardians.

G. H. BATESON WRIGHT, Hongkong, 20th February, 1889. [234]

GREEN ISLAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd of March, at the Office of the Company, 62 Queen's Road Central, at HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON.

C. EWENS, General Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [234]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s Office, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th March, 1889, at 12 O'CLOCK (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, to WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of March next, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [232]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of March, 1889, for the purpose of confirming the Resolution passed at the Meeting held this day, the 19th February, 1889.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [231]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts, to the 31st of December, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd February until 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [233]

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6TH DIVIDEND.

A 6th DIVIDEND of 6% on all claims against the Hongkong Branch of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have been approved by the Court of Chancery will be paid at the Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY, the 17th March next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank for their Dividends and to produce the letter they hold from the Official Liquidator admitting their claims in order that the payment of the 6th Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

The Official Liquidator, by arrangement with the Assets Realisation Co., is prepared to pay in advance to Creditors willing to receive such payment, IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR CLAIMS the Dividend of 5% payable in the year 1890, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept payment of the Final Dividend, less discount as above, are requested to communicate with the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER, Agent for the Official Liquidator, Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liq.

2, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 6th February, 1889. [176]

MASONIC BALL.

IN consequence of the lamented death of Admiral CHANDLER, the Masonic Ball is POSTPONED from Friday, the 23rd instant, to MONDAY, the 25th February next.

ALF. WOOLLEY, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1889. [206]

PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXPIRY OF OPIUM-FARM.

THE Exclusive PRIVILEGE of BOILING and PREPARING OPIUM and SELLING and RETAILING OPIUM so Boiled or Prepared will CEASE on the 28th day of February, 1889. No boiled or prepared Opium purchased from us or our Licensees can be used after the 31st day of March, 1889, at Noon, without the consent of the New Holder of such exclusive privilege as aforesaid.

Dated 26th January, 1889.

KHOO TEONG POH, AND

CHEAK TEK SOON, Opium Farmers.

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at NOON, TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Agent, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1889. [212]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1889.

TO-MORROW, the 22nd February.

RULE 15.—Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure. For Members of the Jockey Club, Free; for Non-Members \$5 for the Meeting. For Admission to Grand Stand \$3 for the Meeting.

RULE 16.—Tickets of Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure to be had on application to E. W. RUTTER, Esq., Honorary Treasurer. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 12th February, 1889. [198]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Grand Stand and Enclosure during the Races on the 22nd instant.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 14th February, 1889. [204]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February next, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1889. [130]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 9th, to SATURDAY, the 23rd February next, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1889. [131]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 25th February instant, at 12 O'CLOCK (NOON) to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1888, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1889. [159]

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 25th inst., at 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M., at the Company's Office.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1889. [139]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1889. [184]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

900 YARDS, 50 SHOTS.

ENTRANCE FEE 50 Cents, payable on the Ground.

NEXT SATURDAY, the 23rd February, at 4 O'CLOCK.

